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**MADISONVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE**

***– Previous cocaine trafficking conviction***

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on December 6, 2006, a federal Grand Jury in Bowling Green **returned an Indictment** charging **BILLY RAY QUALLS**, age 30, of Madisonville, Kentucky, with possession with intent to distribute cocaine base.

The Indictment charges that on or about July 10, 2006, **Qualls** possessed five grams or more of crack cocaine in Hopkins County, Kentucky, with the intent to distribute it. Crack cocaine has an approximate street value of \$100 per gram.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are, with a prior felony drug conviction, not less than 10 years and up to life imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of not less than 8 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison T. Sewell , and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Madisonville Police Department.

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**Qualls** is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on December 21, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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